Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A document authoring device for a document which contains a goals outline and a presentation outline, comprising:

a user interface;

a memory;

a controller coupled to the user interface and the memory,

wherein:

the controller links the goals outline and the presentation outline of the document together based on an input received through the user interface and data stored in the memory to at least partially author the document,

the goals outline comprises organization of document information content and the presentation outline comprises appearance characteristics of the document,

the user interface includes a display device, and

the controller displays a goals outline display on the display device and generates the goals outline based on the input that relates to the goals outline display.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the memory contains at least one document prototype, the controller generating a logical structure of the goals outline by instantiating the document prototype selected by the input.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein the memory contains a card, the controller linking the instantiated document prototype to the card selected by the input.

5. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein the controller generates a card and links the card to the goals outline based on the input.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method of authoring a document which contains a document goals outline and a document presentation outline, comprising:

storing data in memory;

receiving an input through a user interface;

displaying a goals outline display on a display device;

generating the document goals outline based on the inputs that relate to the goals outline display; and

linking the document goals outline to the document presentation outline based on the input and the data to at least partially author the document, wherein the document goals outline comprises organization of document information content and the presentation outline comprises appearance characteristics.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

generating a logical structure of the document goals outline by instantiating a document prototype selected by the inputs; and

linking the instantiated document prototype to a card selected by the inputs.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

generating a card; and

linking the card to the document goals outline based on the inputs.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of authoring a document, comprising:

storing data in a memory;

receiving inputs through a user interface;

generating a goals outline by instantiating at least one ~~document prototype~~ of a description document prototype, an argument document prototype, an author generated prototype and a narrative document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline;

linking the goals outline to a presentation outline based on the inputs and the data;

receiving external information;

generating at least one card based on the external information; and

storing the at least one generated card as data in the memory, wherein at least

one of the goals outline and the presentation is linked to the card.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of

generating a card comprises accepting the external information already in a

desired card structure as the imported card.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of

generating a card comprises translating the external information into a desired

card structure.

13.   (Previously Presented) A method of authoring a document, comprising:

storing data in a memory;

receiving an input through a user interface;

generating a goals outline for the document being authored by instantiating a

document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline;

generating a presentation outline which outlines at least one of an appearance

characteristic and a sound characteristic of the document being authored using at least one

spacer object in at least one of a spatial layout area and a temporal layout area;

linking the goals outline to the presentation outline based on the input and the data; and

displaying on a display device a meta-level display of the goals outline and

the presentation outline for the document being authored.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the meta-level display is one of a

kitchen image, an office image, and a studio image.

15.   (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the document prototype includes at least one predetermined slot type.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one predetermined slot type is linked to a corresponding card stored in the memory.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the link to a corresponding card is classified as mandatory, optional and user defined.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the presentation outline outlines at least one of an appearance characteristic and a sound characteristic of the document being authored using at least one spacer object in at least one of a spatial layout area and a temporal layout area.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein linking the goals outline to a presentation outline comprises linking at least one node of the goals outline to at least one of a node of the presentation outline and at least one card to which a node of the presentation outline is linked.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing an assessment of at least one of a completeness and comprehensiveness of a relationship between the goals outline and the presentation outline.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein generating a goals outline comprises instantiating one of a description document prototype, an argument document prototype, an author generated prototype and a narrative document prototype to a selected node of the goals outline.